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November 1, 2004

Ms. Maureen Benitz Campaign Finance Analyst Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Reference:

C00027466

August Monthly Report (7/1/04-7/31/04)

Dear Ms. Benitz:

- Your letter indicates that the NRSC has not fully disclosed all of its carmarking A) activity on the August Monthly Report. Specifically, your letter is asking us to identify the original contributors for the carmarked contributions disclosed on Schedule B. The NRSC has accurately and adequately reported all of the earmarked contributions that it received and transmitted during the month of July. The NRSC transmitted carmarked contributions to the DeMint and Jones campaigns periodically during the month of July. It would make sense that receipt information for the earmarked contributions that were forwarded on 7/2/04, for example, does not appear on the August Monthly Report. Some of the donations had receipt dates at the end of June and are therefore contained on the July Monthly Report. The NRSC has 10 days to transmit earmarked contributions to the candidate committees, so we were just following the rules. Your letter does not reference any specific contributors, so please accept our statement that we have provided all of the necessary information. If the NRSC receives and carmarked contribution at the end of one month and then forwards it during the next month it might give the appearance that some information has been omitted. We respectfully ask you to refer back to our previous report that covered the month of June and use that report to answer your questions.
- B) The NRSC reported a vendor refund from "Chubb Group of Insurance Cos.". It is not uncommon for an insurance company to pay a claim to an entity that it insures. A detailed review of our reports will show that the NRSC pays Chubb for insurance coverage on a yearly basis. The NRSC renewed its policy during the month of September. Please feel free to refer to that report, which is currently on file with the FEC.
- C) The missing purpose was "advertising". A computer error caused the omission.
- D) The NRSC takes the following steps to ensure compliance with 11 CFR§104.3(a)(4)(i) and 104.7:

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All solicitations to prospective donors include the following statement: "Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year."

If the individual fails to respond to the initial request, the NRSC will send a follow-up letter, no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the contribution, requesting the same information. The letter includes a pre-addressed, stamped envelope and contains the following statement:

"Federal law requires that we obtain the attached information regarding your occupation and employment. Please complete the attached form and return it to us as soon as possible in the enclosed envelope."

The NRSC will continue to provide the Commission with contributor information we receive by filing amended memo Schedule As in a timely manner with every regular report.

Sincerely,

Mindy Anderson
Assistant Treasurer

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